WI-586 Lemmon Hill Salisbury Private

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other	John B. Parson	s Home for the Aged, Vano	derbogart House		
2. Location					
street and number	300 Lemmon H	fill Lane		_	not for publication
city, town	Salisbury				vicinity
county	Wicomico				
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailin	g addresses of all owners)	
name	Harrison Enterr				<u> </u>
street and number	300 Strode Ave	nue		telephone	410-742-1432
city, town	Coatesville		state PA	zip code	19320
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7. Description	1	Inventory No. WI-586
Condition		
excellent	deteriorated	
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Lemmon Hill, located in the heart of Salisbury, stands on the north side of US Route 50 along Lemmon Hill Lane and High Street. The house has a southern exposure with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. Dating to 1904-05, the center frame block and rear service wing were enlarged significantly during the 1920s with Colonial Revival brick wings to the east and west. The site has one of the highest elevations in Salisbury and the property is enhanced with mature plantings. A circular drive provides access to the main block.

The two-and-a-half story, three-bay, double-pile main block is supported on a raised brick foundation with a fully excavated cellar. The exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with slate. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-and-a-half story, four-bay service wing, which has been enlarged with a single-story, flat roofed addition. Extending from each gable end are single-story, glazed hyphens which join two-and-a-half story, neo-colonial brick dormitory wings.

The south (main) façade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking French doors. The paneled front door is incorporated within a Palladian-inspired surround with a round arched transom and flanking side lights. The first floor is sheltered by a Tuscan columned porch with a rooftop balustrade. The second floor is defined by a symmetrical fenestration with a center bay of paired single-pane sash windows topped by a broken pediment. To each side are two-over-two sash windows. The outside corners of the house are trimmed with wide fluted pilasters topped with Corinthian capitals fixed under an enriched cornice of modillion blocks and dentils. Fixed atop the roof is a large center dormer with an arched center sash and flanking sidelights of diamond pane windows. The center window has pointed arch muntins in the upper sash. To each side are smaller gable roofed dormers with round arched sash windows and pointed arch muntin in the upper sash.

The east and west sides of the main block are covered in part by single-story glassed-in colonnades that join the lateral two-and-a-half story brick wings to the main block. Above the level of the colonnades are two-over-two sash windows that light the second floor, and quarter round windows with radiating muntins illuminate the attic. The windows flank interior end brick stacks that pierce the roofline with paneled sides and a corbelled cap. The extended eave is trimmed with an enriched cornice of modillion blocks.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-and-a-half story, four-bay frame service wing, which is defined on the first and second floors by two-over-two sash windows. The base of the roof is trimmed with a plain cornice. Marking the roof is a pair of gable roofed dormers with round arched sash. Piercing the center of the service wing roof is an interior brick stack with paneled sides and a corbelled cap. The rear gable end of the service wing is enclosed with a neoclassical pediment. Two-over-two sash windows light the second floor, whereas the first floor is covered with a single-story, flat roofed wing.

The flanking dormitory wings are two-and-a-half story, nine-bay, double-pile structures erected in Flemish bond and built into the slope of the lot with a partially exposed basement elevation on one side. The formal Colonial Revival elevations are defined by evenly spaced sash windows with a projecting three-bay center pavilion topped by a Colonial Revival modillion block pediment pierced by a round

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window. The gabled pavilion is flanked by sets of three gable roofed dormers that light the hip roof. The wings are extended by two-story enclosed sun rooms are open porches.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. WI-586
Period	Areas of Significance	Check an	d justify below	
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Specific dates			Architect/Builder Wi	lliam E. Booth, builder
Construction da	ates 1904-05, 1924-26, 19	928	W.	F. Bounds, masonry contractor
Evaluation for:	National Register		_Maryland Register	x not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Lemmon Hill 300 Lemmon Hill Salisbury, Maryland Chain of title

Map 107, Parcel 1013

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John B. Parsons-Salisbury Home for the Aged

to

1/1/1989

Harrison Enterprises

Parcel No. 1 "Lemmon Hill Property"

JCK 103/228

William S. Gordy, Jr., Trustee for John B. Parsons and Katie F. Parsons

to

1/17/1917

Salisbury Home for the Aged

JCK 102/260

Margaret Jackson Vanderbogart

to

7/1/1916

William S. Gordy, Jr., Trustee \$10,000 "Lemmon Hill Property"

Plat of Mrs. Vanderbogart's land made by P. S. Shockley, S.W.C.,

11/25/1908, except so much thereof conveyed to the Salisbury Water Co.,

10/16/1908, EAT 62/53

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JTT 32/262

Elihu E. Jackson, et al. (Nannie R. Jackson and Chas. F. Holland)

to

12/30/1901

Margaret Jackson Vanderbogart

JTT 29/466

Jay Williams, Trustee of E. Stanley Toadvine

to

8/28/1901

Elihu E. Jackson Charles F. Holland

Whereas by a Decree of Circuit Court for Wicomico County in Equity, 2/2/1897, Elihu E. Jackson and Charles F. Holland were complainants and E. Stanley Toadvine were defendants....the trustees did sell on 4/7/1897 in pursuance of due advertisement, sell at public auction for \$5,250.00

Unrecorded in Index

Annie Mm. Freeny

to

3/5/1887

E. Stanley Toadvine

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The Wicomico News, November 3, 1904.

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Evening Times, August 28, 1924

Construction of wing-contracts let to W. E. Booth & Son, general contractor, Electric Development Co., electrical wiring and installation of fixtures; Louis Morgan, heating, Richardson Bros., plumbing;

Architect-Henry B. Hopkins of Baltimore

"The new wing will be of colonial style architecture, constructed with colonial homestead bricks, such as are being used on the State Normal School. It will be fire-proof and will contain the sleeping quarters for the occupants of the home. Sun parlors and open porches will be included.

The main office will be remodeled and renovated and will be known as the Administration building. It will be connected to the wing by an enclosed corridor. The colonial front will be maintained with the principal remodeling taking place in the interior and in the back of the structure.

The Salisbury Home for the Aged is open to all women over 60 years of age who are homeless and friendless and without relatives obligated to care for them. The applicants are not restricted to natives of Wicomico County, but the latter are placed on the preferred list. The disposition of the present home on East Church Street extended has not been determined.

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The Salisbury Times, June 21, 1928

New Wing is Authorized At Home Aged

\$100.000 East wing will be exactly like west wing completed about two years ago.

Contracts awarded to: Cogsweth-Goether Company, Baltimore, for the construction

Plumbing and Heating-Lewis Morgan, Salisbury

Electrical, wiring and fixtures-L. W. Gunby Co., Salisbury

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property
Acreage of historical setting
Quadrangle name

2.36 acres

2.36 acres

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds conform to the historic boundary of the property.

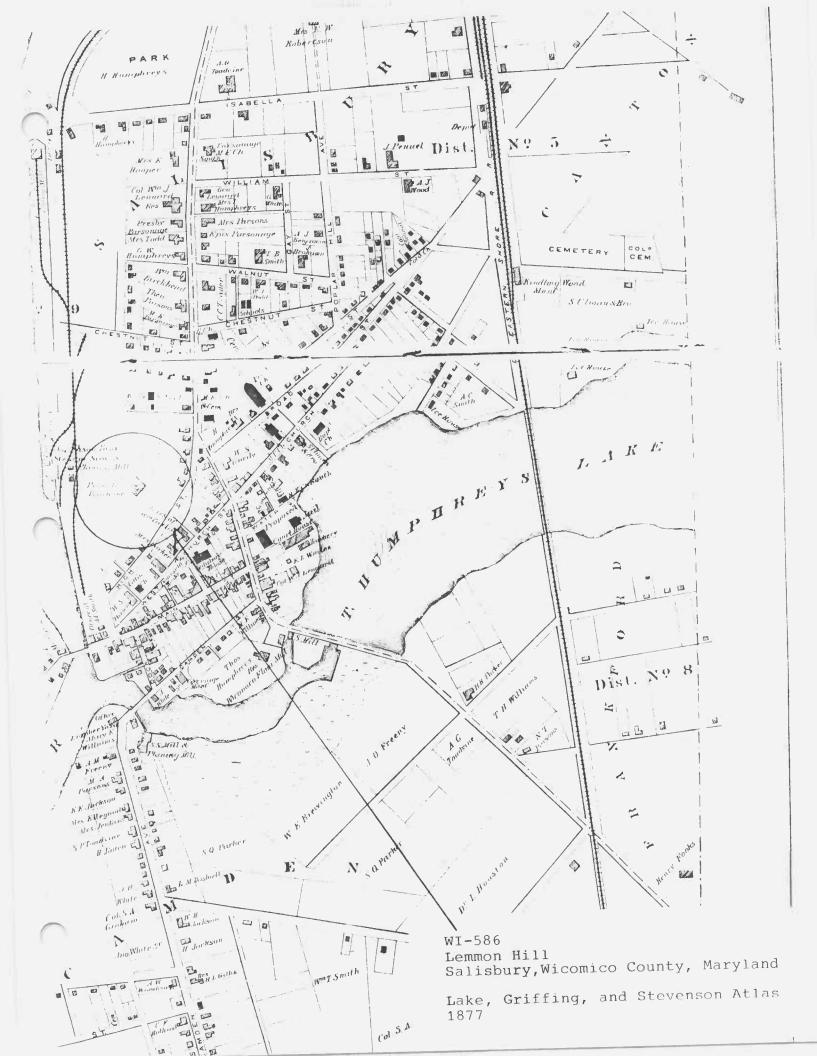
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street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
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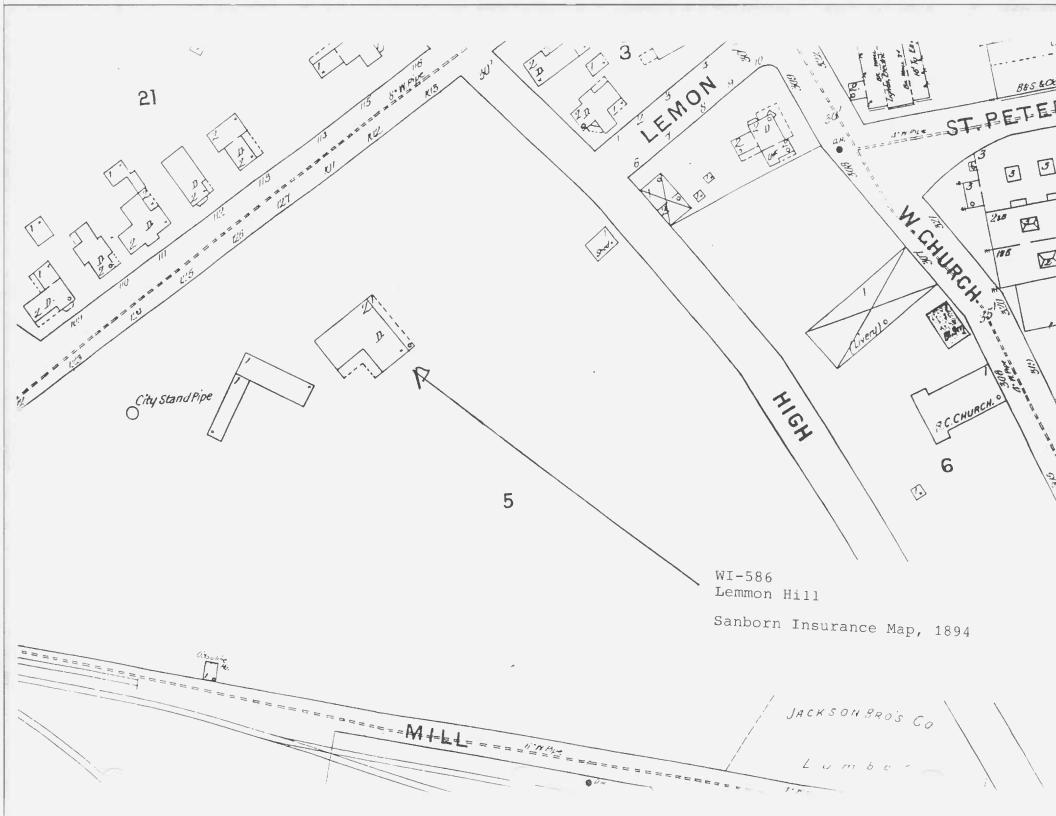
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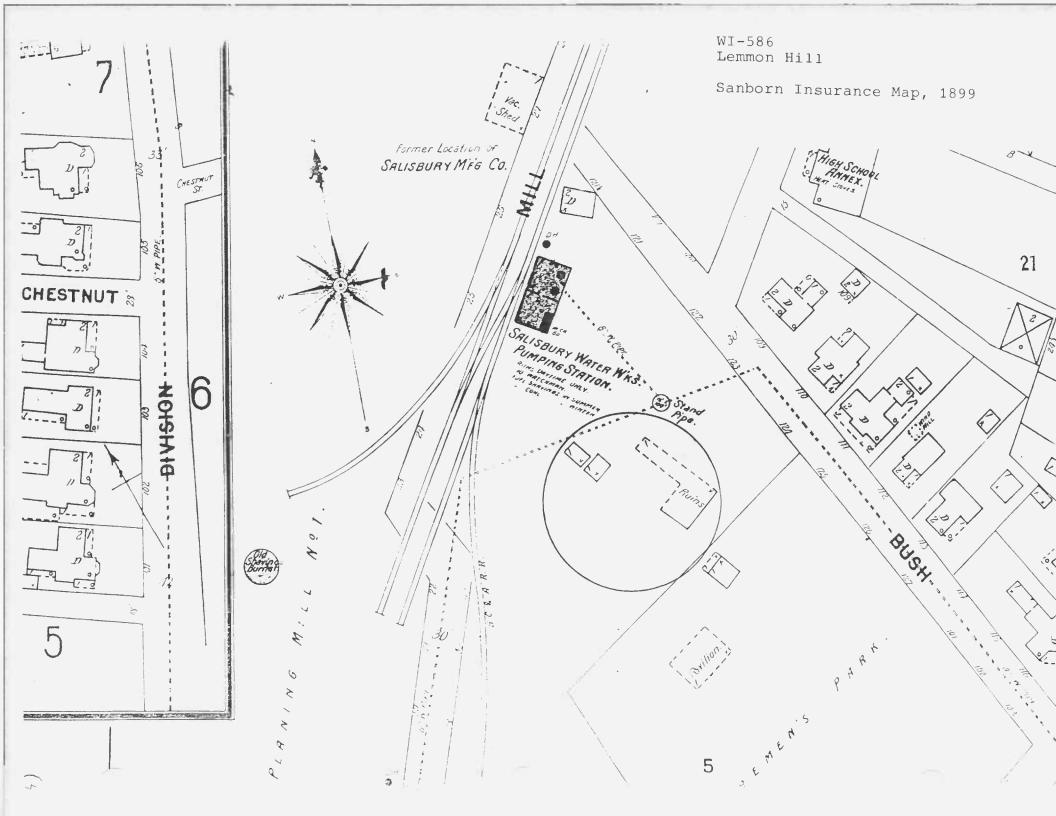
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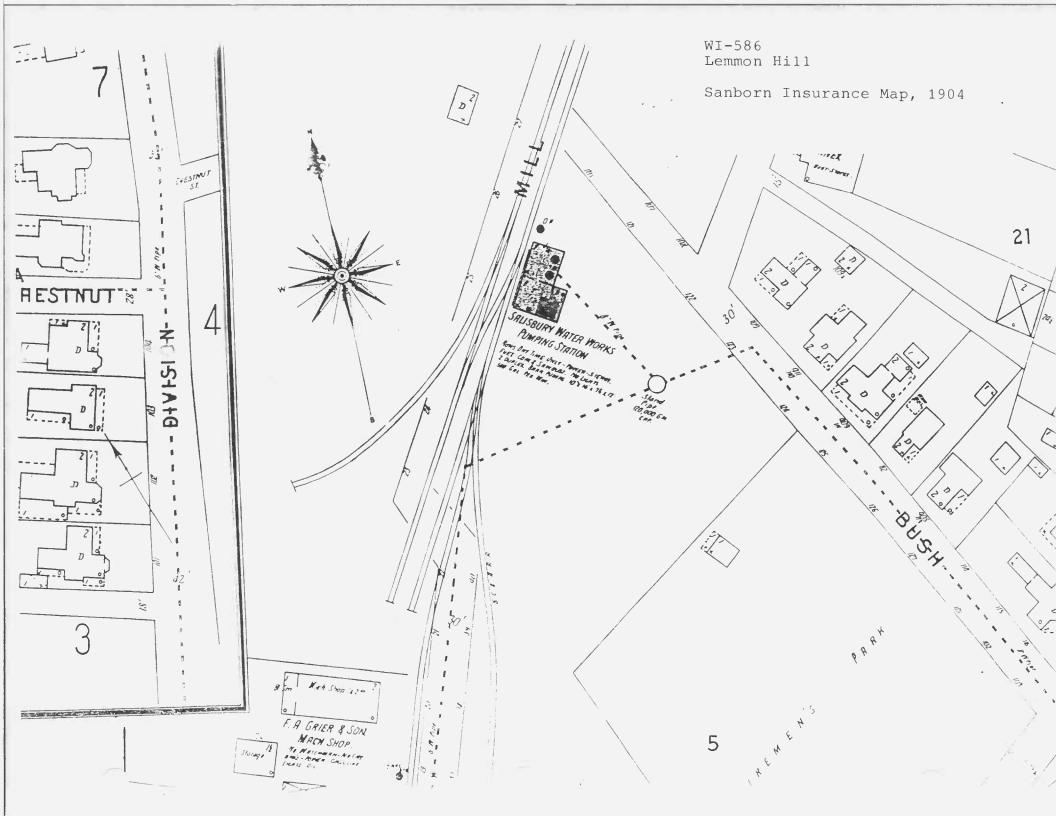
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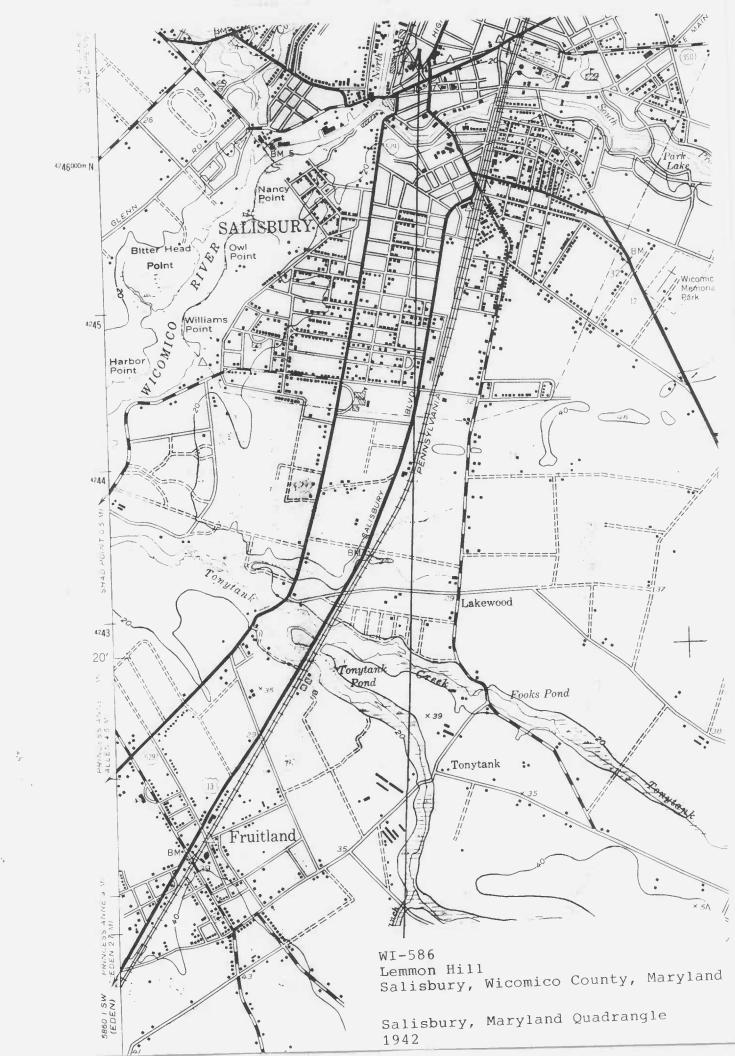
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